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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: JOINT STATEMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS FINAL APPROVED TEXT JOINT STATEMENT PER REFTELS. RELEASE TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR 1245 P.M. IN THE PRESS CENTER AT KABUL HOTEL NOVEMBER 1, HOWEVER, THIS PROCEDURE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY GOA. WE WILL ADVISE SOONEST.

2. QUOTE

JOINT STATEMENT:

UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY A. KISSINGER, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ON NOVEMBER 1, 1974, AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. DURING HIS STAY HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER, MOHAMMAD DAOUD AND MET MR. MOHAMMAD NAIM AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, WAHEED ABDULLAH. HE HAD LUNCH WITH THE HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD DAOUD.

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THE TWO SIDES CONDUCTED FRANK DISCUSSIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF

ISSUES IN THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE THAT CHARACTERIZES US-AFGHAN RELATIONS. THE TOPICS INCLUDED BILATERAL RELATIONS, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA REGION, PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, AND THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH NATIONS OF SECURING A PEACEFUL, STABLE, AND COOPERATIVE WORLD. THE AFGHAN SIDE INFORMED SECRETARY KISSINGER OF ITS VIEWS AND POSITION ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INCLUDING THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE REGION TO WHICH AFGHANISTAN BELONGS. SECRETARY KISSINGER INFORMED THE AFGHAN SIDE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION. THEY AGREED THAT THE WAY TO FIND LASTING, DURABLE, AND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO EXISTING PROBLEMS AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATES IS THROUGH CONSTRUCTIVE AND THOROUGH DISCUSSIONS AMONG ALL SIDES CONCERNED.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS. IN EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN, THE SECRETARY AFFIRMED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT DAOUD WARM PERSONAL WISHES FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

THE AFGHAN AND AMERICAN SIDES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT AND ITS MAJOR ROLE IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND PEACE. THE AFGHAN SIDE EXPRESSED ITS PLEASURE AT THE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THIS END BEING MADE BY THE UNITED STATES IN AFGHANISTAN THROUGH BILATERAL ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION.

THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED THE CONTINUING DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN IN ACHIEVING ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS. IN THIS CONNECTION THE SECRETARY INFORMED PRESIDENT DAOUD THAT HE WILL ASK A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO REVIEW WITH THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES JOINT PROGRAMS AND PROGRESS IN BRINGING PROJECTS TO FRUITION. END QUOTE.

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